Explanatory Note:

In order to develop Archives-Keeping consciousness among the general public it is suggested to start a correspondence course of the diploma in Archives-Keeping. It will help the persons working on research projects to acquire the knowledge and the diploma without hindrance in their research work. Written and practical examinations can be held at certain Archives centres suitable to the regions.

Standing Committee's views:

A similar resolution(No.VII) was passed at the 43rd Session of the Indian Historical Records Commission. The proposal has since been approved and sanctioned by the Government of India, and will be implemented through the new Abhilekh Prashikshan Sansthan.

C. Residential accommodation for research scholars.

(3) Resolution by Government of Andhra Pradesh

"Resolved to provide lodging facilities for bonafide Research scholars at Archival and Research Institutions."

Explanatory Note:

It is suggested that lodging facilities should be provided to bonafide Research Scholars at the Archival and Research Institutions which will save time and money of the Research Scholars. It would also help the scholars to complete their research early.

Standing Committee's views:

This is certainly very desirable. A similar resolution was passed at the 41st Session of the Commission(Resolution No.XV). A meeting of the group of officers set up by the Department of Culture, Government of India, to examine the question of providing suitable accommodation at economical rates for

scholars coming from outside Delhi and wanting to work in the National Archives of India and Nehru Memorial Museum and Library, New Delhi was held on 1st December 1975. The "group" felt that the Sapru House Hostel offered the best available accommodation, particularly in view of the Central location and reasonable rates of rent. The bonafide research scholars can avail themselves of Sapru House Hostel accommodation at reasonable rates. Five research scholars have been provided accommodation facilities there during the year 1976.

* The State Archives Departments should make their own arrangements for accommodation for the researchers.

D. Proper maintenance of records in muffassil office

(4) Resolution by Shri Tara Sharan Sinha.

"Resolved that State Governments be requested to pay increasing attention towards the proper upkeep and repair of records lying in record rooms of the offices of Divisional Commissioners, Collectors/Deputy Commissioner, District Judges etc. and also towards the improvement of working conditions in such repositories so that records may be properly maintained and any administrator, archivist or research scholars should feel at home while working in such places. Financial provisions for the maintenance of records should be increased to bring a proper balance between the expenditure on the maintenance of records and the income derived from the supply of the copies of records."

Explanatory Note:

In spite of the fact that almost all the State Governments have a centralised archival organisation at State level and in some cases their branches at regional basis, large number of records are still lying in a